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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 9553

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR ET IR  
SUBJ: VISIT OF ETHIOPIAN FONMIN TO IRAN

1. FONMIN KHALATBARY CALLED ME TO MINISTRY EVENING  
OCT 29 TO BRIEF ME ON RECENT VISIT BY ETHIOPIAN FONMIN  
FELEKE. HE SAID FELEKE HAD AUDIENCE WITH SHAH AS  
WELL AS LONG CONVERSATION WITH HIM AND SENIOR MINISTRY OFFICIALS.

2. MEETING AS MINISTRY, FELEKE HAD SAID HIS PURPOSE WAS TO  
"NORMALIZE"RELATIONS WITH IRAN. THIS WOULD MEAN APPOINTING A  
NEW AMB (RESIDENT IN ANKARA) AND TAKING IRANIAN CHARGE  
IN ADDIS OUT OF "DEEP FREEZE". IRAN SAID IT WOULD WELCOME SUCH  
DEVELOPMENT IF IT IS TO BE TRULY RECIPROCAL.

3. FELEKE ALSO SAID ETHIOPIA WOULD WELCOME "GREATER ECONOMIC  
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COOPERATIOP" AND PRODUCED A DRAFT AGREEMENT ON PURCHASE OF  
OIL FROM IRAN.

4. IN AUDIENCE WITH SHAH, FELEKE MADE TWO REQUESTS.  
A. HE ASKED SHAH TO INFLUENCE ARABS TO STOP SUPPORTING SOMALIAN  
CAUSE AND TO CEASE ALL AID TO SOMALI "AGGRESSORS".  
B. HE ASKED SHAH TO ASK WEST (READ US) NOT TO "CAMPAIGN AGAINST

ETHIOPIA".

FELEKE SAID ETHIOPIA WAS NOT A SOVIET SATELLITE, BUT AN INDEPENDENT GOVT WHICH WAS UNDERTAKING THE REFORMS WHICH WEST HAD LONG URGED ON EMPEROR. HE SAID ETHIOPIANS TURNED TO USSR FOR WEAPONS ONLY BECAUSE US HAD BLOCKED SALES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO MENGATSU REGIME.

5. FELEKE ALSO COMPLAINED TO SHAH ABOUT IRANIAN ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA. SHAH GAVE HIM PRECISE DIMENSIONS OF AID WHICH HAD BEEN SUPPLIED, BUT SAID SITUATION HAD BECOME SO CONFUSED, NOTHING MORE HAD BEEN SENT. AS FOR TWO REQUESTS REPORTED IN PARA FOUR, SHAH SAID MATTER WOULD BE STUDIED.

6. KHALATBARY WENT ON TO SAY THAT FELEKE HAD COMPLAINED THAT IRAQ EXPERTS IN ARMOS AS WELL AS AIRCRAFT PILOTS WERE ENGAGED IN COMBAT IN OGADEN. KHALATBARY ASKED WHETHER WE COULD CONFIRM THIS REPORT. I SAID MY LATEST INFORMATION INDICATED THAT THERE MIGHT BE SOME IRAQ TECHNICIANS THERE, BUT I HAD NO REPEAT NO INFORMATION ABOUT COMBAT PERSONNEL.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE OUR LATEST INFORMATION ABOUT POSSIBLE IRAQ INVOLVEMENT IN COMBAT ACTIVITY IN OGADEN.  
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